

Boost Wages Of Workers at Elwood Unit

Effective Aug. 9, hourly employees of the Joliet Arsenal, Elwood Unit, will receive wage increases ranging from 7 to 11 cents an hour.

The announcement was made Friday by Col. Ronald D. Currens, arsenal commander. He said that the pay boost will effect the major portion of government employees at the Elwood Unit.

NON-SUPERVISORY employees are to be given a seven-cent per hour raise while the foremen are to receive increases averaging 11 cents per hour.

C. Everett Stutsman, arsenal personnel officer, explained that the increases result from a locality wage survey conducted earlier this year. Such surveys are a normal part of the army establishments' wage administration program under which wages of the government hourly employees are geared to currently prevailing rates in each locality, Stutsman explained.

UNDER THIS program the arsenal should always be a fair competitor in the local labor market and be able to pay wages which will attract and retain workers to accomplish its missions, Stutsman declared.

The wage increase as announced for Aug. 9 is for the Elwood unit only.